(b) 1st part. No. 2nd part. The Department had no occasion to consider this question as no request for help or advice has so far been received in this matter.

Sale of timber.

623. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) how many auctions were held in Chalakkudi depot in Thulam 1104 and how many candies of teak and rosewood were sold and by whom was the major portion of the rosewood purchased ; how many classes of logs were there with the maximum and minimum girth, as well as the average price realised per candy ;

(2) (a) as per the contract, dated 3rd February 1912, how many thousands of candies of teak were supplied to Messrs. T. Namberumal Chetty & Sons and the average price per candy ;

(b) how many candies of teak toplings were sold to the same person and the average price per candy ;

(3) (a) as per the contract of 10th July 1925 for 3,800 candies of rosewood to Messrs. Mugaseth & Sons, how many candies were taken charge of and were there any classifications; if so, how many and the rate for each sort ; what was the net amount realised per candy from the said contractor ; why 1,300 candies were given to the Firm as allowances against the Hill Dpot measurement ;

(b) what was the prescribed rate of the rosewood toplings given on seigniorage contract to Messrs. Mugaseth & Sons ;

(c) how many candies of rosewood and ebony have been sold to Messrs. Mugaseth and Sons from 1100 onwards and, if figures available, for the last 10 years ;

(4) during the recent auction sale on 10th Thulam 1104, how many logs were bidden by Mr. M. L. Varied and the average price per candy realised ; were these logs below 14 *vannams* ;

(5) what is the collection charge the Government has incurred for the rosewood logs sold on 10th Thulam 1094 and what is the net amount the Government has realised by the said auction sale ;

(6) what is the loss estimated by the Comptroller of Accounts in 1102, on audit of the accounts of Messrs. T. Namberumal Chetty & Sons, Mugaseth & Sons and V. K. Ammunni Menon ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Only one auction was held in Thulam 1104. 161-1-1-12 candies of teak below 12 *vannams*

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and 291-5-11-3¼ candies of teak of and above 12 *vannams* and 563-10-9-15 candies of rosewood were sold. The major portion of rosewood was purchased by Messrs. Mugaseth & Sons. There were 2 classes of teak, one below 12 *vannams* and the other of and above 12 *vannams*. There is only one class in rosewood. The quarter girth varies from 7 *virals* to 28 *virals*. The average price realised for teak below 12 *vannams* and for of and above 12 *vannams* are Rs. 33 and Rs. 43 per candy respectively. The average price of rosewood realised is Rs. 63 per candy.

(2) (a) 60,000 candies of teak were supplied to Messrs. T Namberumal Chetti and Sons at Rs. 18 per candy.

(b) 3,605-1-7-12 candies of teak toplings were sold to the firm and the average price is Rs. 15-10-0 per candy.

(3) (a) 2,275-4-6-1¾ candies of rosewood were taken charge of by the firm and there were classifications. There were 4 classifications. (i) Selected logs of 8 feet girth and above were charged at Rs. 44 per candy, (ii) unselected logs of 8 feet girth and above at Rs. 38 per candy, (iii) logs under 8 feet and over 6 feet girth at Rs. 33-8-0 per candy, (iv) logs of 6 feet, etc., under up to and including 10 *vannams* at Rs. 24 per candy. The net amount realised per candy cannot be stated as the logs sold were those collected from different coupes at varying collection charges. 1,300 candies were given as allowance.

(b) The prescribed rate of the rosewood toplings given to Messrs. Mugaseth & Sons was Rs. 10 per candy.

(c) Figures for the last 10 years are not available. Quantity of rosewood sold from 1099 onwards is cds. 7,044-15-2-11. From 1100 onwards no ebony has been sold to Messrs. Mugaseth and Sons.

(4) 15 logs of cds. 54-7-13-8 were bid by Mr. M. L. Varied at Rs. 68 per candy, of which 8 logs were below 14 *vannams* and the balance 7 logs above 14 *vannams*.

(5) The collection charges on rosewood logs sold on 10-3-1104 are Rs. 8,029-1-11. This includes collection and loading in the hills and unloading charges at Chalakkudi and Tramway Transport charges. The net amount is Rs. 45,829-2-1.

(6) The information cannot be published now.

624. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) how many auctions were held in Chalakkudi depot in Thulam 1104 and how many candies of teak and rosewood were sold and by whom the major portion of the rosewood was purchased. How many classes of logs were there with the maximum girth, as well as the average price realised per candy ;

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